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REMARKS

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1. Bucharest-Pipera (R 43/44/C 74) military airfield was used by Soviet Air Force troops. According to Rumanian acquaintances the Soviet Air Force units also trained Rumanian pilots. In July and August 1951, Soviet swept-back jet aircraft with Rumanian national emblems over the field. A maximum of 5 or 6 planes flew simultaneously. According to acquaintances, Soviet fighters and bombers were also located at the field. 25X1
2. A five-story hotel on the western side of Poincare Street in Bucharest housed Soviet Air Force officers and a Soviet telephone central. that the officers were transported daily by bus to and from Pipera airfield. * 25X1
3. Sibiu (R 35/R 20) airfield, which is located west of the village of Turnisor (R 35/R 20), on both sides of the road to Christian (R 35/R 10), is about 1,500 meters from east to west and about 1,600 meters from north to south; about 300 meters north and south of the road. After March or April 1951, the section south of the road was used for take-offs and landings. Several hangars were observed in the northwestern corner of the southern section and several barracks buildings in the eastern corner of this section.
4. The field section north of the road to Christian was being surveyed, staked-off and graded. In June 1951, about 500 members of the Rumanian labor service and an undetermined number of civilian workers were employed under the supervision of Jon Jonescu, probably a senior lieutenant. The field is to be completed under the Five-Year-Plan.
5. After March or April 1951, three or four Rumanian trainers of IAR 132 type were stationed at the field. The student pilots were quartered in three or four three-story barracks buildings on the Main Square in the northeastern section of Sibiu. Prior to 1950, the members of the pilot school wore blue uniforms, similar to those formerly worn by the German Air Force. Then, they were issued khaki uniforms, as worn by the army units in Sibiu. However, they wore shirts with collars and neckties and navy blue collar patches. **

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* Comment. On the basis of previous reports it is believed that the Soviet Air Force unit at Bucharest-Pipera airfield is equipped with jet planes. However, jet aircraft with Rumanian national emblems are reported for the first time. Since the training of Rumanian pilots on jet aircraft has been under way for some time, it appears probable that Rumanian units will also gradually be equipped with jet planes.

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** Comment. This information confirms the assumption that a Rumanian pilot school is located at Sibiu airfield. Expansion work was previously reported. However, expansion may be limited because of the features of the surrounding terrain so that the field is not expected to become serviceable for jet aircraft.

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